AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Currently Amended) A dressing comprising[:]
 a bandage section[:] having a perimeter sufficient to occlude a wound, and
 a valve section that allows the escape of fluid, wherein the valve section lies substantially on the
 same plane as the bandage section.
 - 2. (Original) A dressing, as in Claim 1, wherein the bandage section comprises a transparent area.
 - 3. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in Claims 1 or 2 Claim 1, wherein an outer edge of the bandage section is provided with adhesive.
 - 4. (Original) A dressing, as in Claim 3, wherein the adhesive is covered with a removable protective outer film prior to use.
 - 5. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 4 Claim 1, wherein the valve section comprises a one-way valve.
 - 6. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in Claims 1 to 5 Claim 5, wherein the one-way valve comprises a flutter valve.
 - 7. (Original) A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve comprises one leaflet.
 - 8. (Original) A dressing, as in Claim 6, wherein the flutter valve comprises two leaflets.
 - 9. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 5, wherein the one-way valve is housed in a substantially rigid casing.
 - 10. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the bandage section is substantially elliptical or circular in shape.
 - 11. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the bandage section is provided with an extending tag section, wherein the extending tag section allow for facilitates easy gripping of the dressing.

- 12. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the valve section can be provided with a collection bag.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the dressing is manufactured from comprises a waterproof material.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the dressing is manufactured from comprises a non-allergenic material (s).
- 15. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the dressing is manufactured from comprises a plastic material.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the dressing is manufactured from comprises a latex.
- 17. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the valve section is provided with an irrigation flushing system.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in Claim 46_17, wherein the irrigation flushing system comprises an aperture in the casing of the valve section through which fluid can be inserted.
- 19. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in Claim 17, wherein the <u>irrigation</u> flushing system comprises a tube and a valve.
- 20. (**Original**) A dressing, as in Claim 19, wherein the tube is provided with perforations.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in any of the previous Claims Claim 1, wherein the bandage section further comprises one or more membrane layers.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A dressing, as in Claim 21, wherein the bandage section comprises two or more membrane layers, and wherein, in use, air or fluid is provided between the membrane layers, such that tension is applied to a wound.